



December 12, 2005

DEFENSE BASE ACT WORKSHOP

DEFENSE BASE ACT/WAR HAZARDS ACT SEMINAR

The Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, will present a half day workshop and a full day seminar on the Defense Base Act (DBA) on February 22 and 23, 2006.

Defense Base Act Workshop: February 22, 2006, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

This workshop will be presented on Wednesday February 22, 2006 in Rm C-5521 at the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. It is designed as an introduction to the Defense Base Act for beginners who have little or no prior knowledge of the DBA or the Longshore Act and who need more background information. Topics will include basic workers' compensation concepts, DBA coverage (who is covered), employer and insurance carrier responsibilities under the DBA, DBA benefits, and claims procedures at the Department of Labor.

**Defense Base Act/
War Hazards Act Seminar: February 23, 2006, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

The seminar will be held in the Auditorium of the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. The seminar will focus on issues of Defense Base Act coverage, Defense Base Act insurance requirements, waivers, the benefits available to injured employees and eligible survivors under the Act, claims reporting and filing procedures, and obstacles in handling claims from the Middle East. A brief overview of the War Hazards Compensation Act will also be presented, including how to file reimbursement claims.

U.S. government contractors and subcontractors with employees currently working overseas or prospective contractors planning to bid on future contracts, and federal government contracting officers who manages these contracts are encouraged to attend. Insurance claims professionals, attorneys involved in the DBA claims litigation process, and anyone who has an interest in the Defense Base Act are also welcome.

Attendance at the both events is free of charge, however, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** First time registrants will be given priority. **To pre-register**, please e-mail the name of each attendee, company or organization name and address, along with the attendee's telephone number and email address to DLHWC-Public@dol.gov. **Indicate whether you are pre-registering for the Seminar, the Workshop, or both.** Confirmation will be sent to each attendee by email. Space is limited so early pre-registration is recommended. For further information, call Miranda Chiu at (202) 693-0865.

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February 22, 2006

1 pm to 4 pm

Tentative Agenda

1. Why the DBA?
2. Who is Covered and When?
3. What is Covered? – Benefits under the DBA
4. The Employer's Responsibility
5. The Insurance Carrier's Responsibility
6. The Employee's Responsibility
7. The Role of the OWCP District Office

All sessions will begin on time.

DEFENSE BASE ACT/WAR HAZARDS ACT SEMINAR

February 23, 2006

9 am to 4:30 pm

Tentative Agenda

1. Defense Base Act – History and Coverage
2. Zone of Special Danger – 24 Hour Coverage?
3. Defense Base Act Insurance Requirements
4. Defense Base Act Waivers
5. War Hazards Compensation Act
6. Claims Reporting and Processing under the Defense Base Act
7. Obstacles to Handling Claims Arising in Afghanistan and Iraq
8. Recent Case Law on the Defense Base Act
9. Panel Questions and Answers

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A final agenda, directions, and check-in information will be posted on our website on or before February 10, 2006 at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/dlhwc/1stable.htm>. Please be sure to watch for updates. Thank You.